



Clermont County On The Move

a newsletter for citizens

Commissioners: Bob Proud, Mary Walker, and Scott Croswell

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Are We Prepared?

Bioterrorism Training

On Monday, February 21, 2005, the Clermont County General Health District conducted a training exercise at Milford High School to test their Biological Terrorism Mass Clinic Emergency Response plan. This was the first time the Clermont General Health District held an exercise of this scale.



State Rep. Joe Uecker discusses the terrorism exercise with Rob Perry of the General Health District

Numerous government agencies participated in the exercise, including the Miami Township Police and Fire Departments, and the Clermont County Emergency Management Agency.

Nearly 200 area residents registered to participate as mock patients for the exercise. During the drill, the "patients," exhibiting various symptoms, helped health care providers measure response time and clinic flow.

This type of training is vital to help emergency responders and health care providers better prepare and coordinate resources, should a biological terrorism event impact Clermont County.

Pictured at right at the training exercise: Miami Township Police Chief Steve Bailey, Miami Township Fire Chief James Whitworth, Clermont County Assistant Health Commissioner Marty Lambert, Clermont County Health Commissioner Dr. Janet Rickabaugh, Clermont County Emergency Management Director Beth Nevel, and Norwood Health Department Health Commissioner Donna Laake. They are holding photographs of the 9-11-01 aftermath with an inscription reading "PERSEVERANCE: Our unified strength is ever renewed by our shared memory."

Severe Weather Awareness

Governor Taft has declared the week of March 13-19, 2005, as *Severe Weather Safety Awareness Week* in Ohio.

This year, Ohio will suffer damages from tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, and flash flooding; Ohio averages 16 tornadoes and five tornado-related fatalities each year.

Many weather related injuries and fatalities can be avoided by exercising proper safety procedures. Make sure your family has a "safe place" designated, in the event dangerous weather strikes.

A statewide test of the weather warning system and preparedness procedures will be held during Severe Weather Awareness Week. The test will be held at 9:50 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2005.



New CTC Director Named

The new Clermont Transportation Connection Director is Mike Salamone. Mike has been involved in the transportation arena for 13 years. Before coming to Clermont County, Mike was employed by Metro Transit in Kalamazoo, Michigan as an operations supervisor.

Outside of transportation, Mike is an avid sports fan, and especially enjoys the rivalry between the Michigan Wolverines and the Ohio State Buckeyes.

Graduation Day for Corrections Officers



Graduation day was Friday, February 4, 2005, for 10 corrections officers completing basic certification training in Clermont County. The training is an obligation that must be fulfilled by all corrections officers within their first year of employment

in Ohio jails; nine members of the class will be working with the Clermont County Sheriff's Department, one officer will be employed with the Highland County Sheriff's Department.

"You are now part of the law enforcement family," Sheriff A.J. "Tim" Rodenberg told the officers. "We expect you to treat those in your charge with dignity and respect."

Regional Jail Inspector Lataunia Pitts-Wilson from the Bureau of Adult Detention also told the graduates that they have a challenging job ahead, "My message is together we can get the job done."



Sheriff Rodenberg

The class valedictorian was corrections officer Jo Ann Surface.



March Commissioner Sessions

Tuesday, March 1	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 9	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 16	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 22	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 23	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 29	1:00 p.m.

All regular sessions are held in the third floor session room of the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 East Main Street in Batavia, Ohio. For agenda information, contact the BCC offices at (513) 732-7300.

Clermont Library Events

By: Tammy Craig, Library

Scrapbooking for Teens

Amelia Library
Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.
For more information or to register for the program, call the library at 752-5580.



"Leap of Faith"

Batavia Library
Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.
Book discussion group. Call 732-2128.

Visit the House of Reptiles

Bethel Library
Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.
Join guest speaker Scott Braunstein as he discusses which reptiles make good pets and which don't. During his visit, Mr. Braunstein, will have 20-30 reptiles with him for the audience to view and attendees will be allowed to pet some of the reptiles. Call the library at 734-2619

AARP Tax-Aide

Goshen Branch Library
Various times/dates
Volunteers will be at the Goshen Branch Library to provide free tax assistance to the elderly or citizens with low or moderate income. To schedule an appointment, call 722-1221.



Call your neighborhood library for a complete list of programs.

In Memoriam:

Mary Lou Marshall - Our Dear Friend and Coworker

Child Support Enforcement



During Mary Lou Marshall's 22 year career with Clermont County, she touched the lives of many. Her courage was inspirational; she was deeply loved and will be dearly missed. The staff in Child Support Enforcement would like to thank everyone for their support and condolences expressed during this difficult time.

Mary Lou was laid to rest on February 3, 2005.

Volunteers Needed for Clermont Clean Up

By: Julie Toren, Clean and Green

In a continuing effort to improve the environment and provide a safer and cleaner quality of life in Clermont County, the Clermont 20/20 Clean and Green Collaborative has an ambitious goal of recruiting at least 700 volunteers for this spring's major litter pick-up and clean-up effort set for Saturday, April 23. Last year over 600 volunteers helped to create a cleaner community, collecting over 1,037 bags of litter.



The snow and recent floodwaters bring a lot of litter to the surface, and in early spring, we are often overwhelmed by the sight of litter in our community. While litter prevention is the ultimate goal, there is also the continual need for cleaning it up, until we come to the point where litter is no longer a problem in our community. We must all do our part to be active in our communities by not creating litter in the first place, speaking up when we witness littering, and helping to clean up the litter that "just appears."

Volunteers who will arrive at one of 14 designated meeting places at 9:00 a.m. to gather supplies and decide where they want to focus their efforts. At noon, there will be food served at each meeting location to celebrate the efforts in the community.

Citizens, organizations and businesses who would like to help protect Clermont County's environment in volunteering their time and/or resources, are asked to call Julie Toren, Clermont 20/20 Clean and Green coordinator, at 753-9222, or contact her by email at www.cleanandgreen@clermont2020.org.



*A barge glides across
the calmness of the
Ohio River near Chilo*



Have Room for Us?



**Clermont Animal Shelter
732-8854**

Get a Taste for Nutrition

By: Stephanie Burke, WIC Program

It's that time of the year again! March is *National Nutrition Month*®. This year's theme, "Get a Taste for Nutrition," is a great opportunity to expand your diet horizons by including a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. Studies have shown that five servings of fruits and vegetables every day decrease risks of developing chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, cancer, and heart disease.

One way to incorporate more nutrition into your lifestyle is by including more fresh fruits and vegetables into your diet. Currently, it is recommended that everyone have at least five servings of fruits and vegetables every day. Create a rainbow of fruits and vegetables by including all the colors in your diet. Each color provides a variety of different vitamins and minerals. Try something new. Look for recipes that include an assortment of peppers, eggplant, or avocado. For lunch, pack a fruit salad with honey dew melon, guava, blueberries, and raspberries.



Use the recipe below to broaden the scope of your diet:

Eggplant Parmesan

1/2-3/4 cup Italian breadcrumbs
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/4 cup-1/2 cup parmesan cheese
cooking spray
1 cup pasta sauce
1/2 cup mozzarella cheese

Cut eggplant to 1/2 to 1 inch pieces. Spray both sides of eggplant with Pam cooking spray. Place on cookie sheet about one inch apart. Broil for 5 minutes or until slightly brown. Turn and broil other side for 5 minutes or until slightly brown. While broiling, mix bread crumbs, olive oil, and parmesan cheese until all crumbs are saturated, but not runny. After eggplant has broiled on both sides, spoon bread crumb mixture on eggplant. Add 1-2 tablespoons of pasta sauce. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Place back in broiler until cheese has melted and is brown.

—From the kitchen of Jennifer Vesper, RD, LD

For more information, please contact Stephanie Burke, MS, RD, LD at the Clermont County WIC Program at 732-7453.



Park Events

By: Keith Robinson, naturalist

Woodcock Watch

Friday, March 4, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 12, 6:00 p.m.

Crooked Run Nature Preserve

From late February through March, male woodcocks are busy performing their nightly courtship displays. Join the naturalist in search of these strange but fascinating birds. Meet at the Nature Preserve Parking Lot.

Fantastic Frog Friday

Friday, March 18, 7:00 p.m.

Crooked Run Nature Preserve

Come on out rain or shine to see and hear what's hopping around. We'll learn about frogs found in the area, then take a hike to the pond to see what we can find. We might even get a glimpse of a salamander or two! Meet at the nature preserve parking lot.



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 19, 10:00 a.m.

Sycamore Park

Children 10 and under (with an adult) are invited to the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Sycamore Park. Bring your Easter basket and fill it with eggs. Due to parking limitations, participation is limited to the first 150 cars. Sponsored by the Batavia Rotary Club.

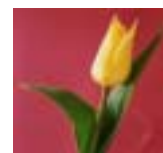


Spring Wildflower Walks

Wednesday, March 30, 6:30 p.m.

Sycamore Park

Meet at the information kiosk.



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